

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 MICHELLE BETTY SPRUEL,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CHILDRENS ADMINISTRATION, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C24-1313-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On August 28, 2024, the Honorable S.
16 Kate Vaughn, United States Magistrate Judge, granted Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma*
17 *pauperis*. (Dkt. No. 6.) Plaintiff's complaint (Dkt. No. 7) was entered shortly thereafter. Upon
18 reviewing Plaintiff's complaint, this Court ordered Plaintiff to file an amended complaint
19 demonstrating the basis for this Court's subject matter jurisdiction.¹ (See Dkt. No. 8.) Plaintiff
20 did so. But, like the last, her amended complaint fails to establish this Court's subject matter
21 jurisdiction. Given the parties and claims involved, it would appear this case is more appropriate
22 for King County Superior Court.

23 Accordingly, the Court DISMISSES the case without prejudice. The Clerk is DIRECTED

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25 ¹ Subject-matter jurisdiction refers to the Court's power to hear a case. *Union Pac. R.R. Co. v.*
26 *Bhd. of Locomotive Eng'r's & Trainmen Gen. Comm. of Adjustment*, 558 U.S. 67, 81 (2009).
“Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction.” *Richardson v. United States*, 943 F.2d 1107,
1108 (9th Cir. 1991).

1 to close this case.

2 DATED this 27th day of September 2024.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE